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Applications for holiday help from the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows will be available at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department.

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Tickets are now on sale for the annual Northville Community Foundation Holiday Home Tour planned for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19.

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THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE

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The Plymouth Township resident charged with defrauding the Wayne County retirement system was scheduled to be back in court Tuesday.

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THE ROMULUS ROMAN

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The euchre tournament supporting the Romulus Memorial Cemetery was a sold-out event, generating more than $2,100, an increase over last year.

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Beaumont Hospital Wayne recently celebrated the opening of a new weight control center in Canton to complement the bariatric surgery center in Wayne.

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THE WESTLAND EAGLE

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A plan to turn 15-acres of the former Hawthorne Valley property in Westland into an art center has been rejected by city officials.

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Voters will make choices Tuesday

Voters will be asked to choose a new president next Tuesday, Nov. 8 when polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. throughout the area.

In addition, there are state, county, judicial, local municipal and schools board elections and questions facing many voters. It is expected to be an extensive, and in some cases, confusing ballot. Local municipal clerks agree that those eligible for absentee voting should take advantage of the opportunity to avoid the anticipated long lines and waits Tuesday.

One of the most controversial issues on the ballot is the 1.2 mill Regional Transit Authority Proposal which supporters say will add various types of bus services throughout Macomb, Oakland, Washtnaw and Wayne counties.

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VOTE NOV. 8

The funding for the bus rapid transit system would be paid through a property tax millage for 20 years and cost the owner of a home valued at about $160,000 an estimated $95 annually for two decades. A home with a taxable value of $100,000 or a market value of $200,000 would pay about $120 annually for the service.

Voters will be asked to choose four judges from eight candidates for the Wayne County Circuit Court. The judicial position pays $140,000 annually. Vying for the jobs are Melissa Anne Cox, Matthew Evans, Wanda Evans, Thomas John Hathaway, Brian Morrow, Kelly Ann Ramsey and Regina Thomas.

Incumbent Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is being challenged by David Afton of Dearborn. Democrat Colleen Pobur and Republican Jeff Noble are vying for election as State Representative and Republican Dave Trott is seeking re-election to the U.S.

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Salute to Service

Medal of Honor winner will be keynote speaker

President Barack Obama presents the Medal of Honor to retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles Kettles for conspicuous gallantry, in the East Room of the White House. Kettles distinguished himself in combat operations near Duc Pho., Republic of Vietnam, on May 15, 1967, and is credited with saving the lives of 40 soldiers and four of his own crew members. (Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy).

Area residents will have the opportunity to meet and talk with a genuine war hero next week during the annual Salute to Service presented by Canton Township.

The event this year will feature Medal of Honor winner U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles Kettles, Ret., whose heroism is credited with saving the lives of more than 40 American soldiers during the Vietnam War.

Kettles will be among the men and women of the armed services who will be honored during the special ceremony beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Township. The event will recognize military personnel currently in active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves, as well as veterans of the armed services for their exceptional commitment and dedication, noted a township spokesperson.

The free event is open to the public and will begin with a cookie and punch pre-show reception featuring displays of service memorabilia, prior to the start of the formal stage presentation at 7 p.m.

Kettles, who was awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration in the United States, will be the keynote speaker at the event. Kettles was presented with the honor July 18, 2016 by President Barack Obama at the White House, for his actions on May 15, 1967, which involved his life-saving efforts in rescuing soldiers who had been ambushed by North Vietnamese troops and were trapped in a river valley in Vietnam. Kettles, a UH-1D Huey helicopter pilot who was serving as a flight commander assigned to the 176th Aviation Co., is credited with saving the lives of 40 soldiers and four of his own crew members.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Kettles was also awarded the following honors: the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with one bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the Korean Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one silver service star and one bronze service star, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hourglass device, the Master Aviation Badge, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with bronze star, the United Nations Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with palm device.

The program will also feature musical tributes sung by the Workman Elementary Choir, under the direction of Keri L. Mueller.

In addition to the formal presentation, items for service men and women will be collected by the Michigan Military Moms, including individual size or travel size: disposable hand and foot warmers; foot and body powder; Q-tips; Beef Jerky; hot chocolate mix; wipes; granola/power bars; and monetary donations to offset postage. All items must be small enough to fit a 12 by 12 by 8-inch U.S. Priority Mail box.

For more information about this free event at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Treasurer denies rumors of gun threat

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards has absolutely denied rumors that he made any kind of threat against township employees last week.

The reported threats to "shoot up" Plymouth Township Hall were variously reported to have taken place Monday of last week.

Edwards claims that no such threat was made and that he has "no idea who is making this stuff up and talking about me."

Police Chief Tom Tiderington confirmed that at least one 911 call was made last week about Edwards' alleged threats. Tiderington said that the caller asked to remain anonymous but did report that Edwards said he could "come back on Halloween and shoot up this place" referring to township hall. Edwards absolutely denies ever making any such statement and said that if there were any such 911 call the authorities would have immediately investigated it and questioned him. He said he knew absolutely nothing about any such incident.

According to multiple unsubstantiated reports, however, Edwards made the comment in front of several witnesses, although Edwards says that no one will come forward and say they personally heard the alleged remark.

"I don't even know what they are saying about me because no one will come forward and tell me what they claim I said," Edwards claimed.

Complaints about the threat were made to supervisors by township employees, according to reports of the incident. One female employee reportedly resigned as a result of the threat, although Edwards said he has not heard of any such resignation connected in any way with these alleged comments.

Supervisor Shannon Price called a meeting of some township employees as a result of the growing wave of conjecture regarding the alleged threat and told township hall employees that the situation was being handled by Human Resources Director JoAnn Coobatis and him. Edwards said the meeting took place, he thought, at about 3:30 p.m. last Thursday and he did not attend. "I wasn't even aware of it," he said.

Coobatis said that it is her policy "not to talk to the media" and would not comment on the situation.

According to Tiderington, no "formal complaints" were made regarding the incident. Fire department clerk Nancy Jowsey said she "was aware of an incident" but refused any further comment.

Tiderington said that he was not asked by Price or other officials to investigate the situation and that he has a policy of non-involvement in issues or com-

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INKSTER

Credit card printer, guns seized in arrest

Inkster police arrested three suspects and seized handguns and a rifle along with narcotics and a machine used to make credit cards last week.

Officers were called to the area of Wellington and Florence streets at about 5:40 p.m. Oct. 27 following a report of "shots fired." When police arrived, they discovered spent bullet casings in the street and were advised by the dispatchers that witnesses had reported by phone that one of the vehicles involved in the shooting fled the location traveling westbound, according to police reports.

A second vehicle reportedly involved was described by witnesses as an older white Chevrolet also fled the area and was reported in the area of Henry and Beech.

Officers arrived at that location and observed an unoccupied late 1960s model Chevrolet with a shot-out back window. Witnesses said that the occupant of the car fled on foot and was armed with a rifle and handguns. The suspect reportedly ran into the back yard of a home in the 3000 block of Henry, not far from where the car was left, according to police reports.

Officers were able to locate the driver in a home and placed him under arrest while awaiting a search warrant for the dwelling.

While executing the search warrant, officers discovered two handguns and a rifle along with a machine used to stamp fraudulent Visa cards, police said. Those items were seized by police, along with several household items believed to have been purchased from local stores with fraudulent Visa cards stamped by the machine. Officers also seized fraudulent drivers' licenses found during the search.

Two other suspects were also taken into custody in connection with the fraudulent credit cards, according to reports.

The investigation into the incident continues, according to police reports.

Inkster police seized this credit card machine and these handguns, among several others, during an arrest last week.

Holiday charity raffle tickets now on sale

The Inkster Legends organization needs help in providing the gift of Christmas to 100 families in need.

The Legends, known for the youth basketball camps, provides holiday gifts and food to families annually at the holiday. The effort is primarily funded by donations and the sale of $10 raffle tickets, which is already under way in the community.

This year, the $10 donation offers a chance to win first prize which is two tickets to see the world champion Cleveland Cavaliers play the Detroit Pistons. Second prize in the drawing this year is a 24-inch flat screen TV and third prize is a birthday party blast at the Romulus Athletic Center for 15 people. Fourth prize is a Wayne Bowl party for 10 people and the fifth and sixth prize winners will each receive a one-day weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel or a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott.

The raffle drawing will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

For tickets or more information, contact Director Fred Smiley, (734)890-2478 or access www.inksterlegends.com.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – October 25, 2016 6:30 P.M.: CLOSED SESSION - UPDATE ON UNION NEGOTIATIONS – CANCELLED A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull Additional Staff: Employees of Leisure Services and Public Safety **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda to add new Item C-1 to Consider Approval of an Agreement with Wayne County to Provide Winter Maintenance on 7.00 Miles (14.00 Lane Miles) of County Roads; to add new Item R-1 Recognition of America's Most Wanted Car Club, moving it from item C-1; to add new Item R-2 Recognition of Leisure Services Director – Deb Bilbrey-Honsowetz; to renumber item R-1 Recognition of Canton Public Safety Promotions to R-3 ; and to add item G-6 Consider Waiving the Purchasing Policy and Approve the Emergency Purchase of a Ford Explorer and Approve the Budget Amendments for the Public Safety Department. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Board Minutes of October 11, 2016 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **RECOGNITION: R-1 Recognition of America's Most Wanted Car Club. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to adopt the following resolution in recognition of the America's Most Wanted Car Club. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Resolution in Recognition of America's Most Wanted Car Club Whereas,** America's Most Wanted Car Club has over 30 loyal members who preserve, promote and exhibit numerous vehicles from antiques to present day automobiles throughout the Metro Detroit area. **Whereas,** This Canton-based club has nurtured a strong relationship with a very dedicated group of car owners who attend various car shows to raise money for local charitable organizations. **Whereas,** America's Most Wanted Car Club hosted their annual car show in Heritage Park during Canton's Liberty Fest for the past 25 years, offering guests an opportunity to stroll along the scenic ponds and enjoy some of the finest automobiles created from classic restorations to race cars. The car club made its final appearance at the 2016 Liberty Fest showcasing over 200 classic vehicles and supporting Open Door Ministries, an area food bank for needy families. **Whereas,** America's Most Wanted Car Club has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Canton Community, entertaining local crowds while raising an estimated $100,000 throughout the years to benefit local charities. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees does hereby recognize the outstanding contribution of the members of America's Most Wanted Car Club and extends sincere appreciation for their hard work and dedication in helping to make our annual Liberty Fest a successful event for all ages to enjoy. **Date ___ Philip J. LaJoy, Supervisor Charter Township of Canton R-2 Recognition of Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz - Director - Canton Leisure Services. (Supv.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution in recognition of Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz - Director - Canton Leisure Services into the public record. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON *Resolution in Recognition of Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz* Whereas,** Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz started working for Canton Township in 1994 and has demonstrated an unending loyalty to the job and the community throughout her 22-year career; and **Whereas,** Deb served a vital role in the development of many of the Township's recreation facilities including The Summit on the Park, Canton Dog Park, the Lower Rouge Trail System, The Village Theater and the BLOCK Teen Center, among others, helping to create community traditions and opportunities for all ages; and **Whereas,** While serving two years as the Economic Development Manager, Deb brought a renewed focus to the growth and expansion of local businesses within the Canton Community while forging vital partnerships that have enhanced the economic climate in Canton; and **Whereas,** In her role as Director of Leisure Services, Deb successfully led the department in achieving national accreditation status, proving to be a leader in the leisure industry; and **Whereas,** Due to her commitment and outstanding accomplishments, Deb retires leaving an exceptional legacy in place for residents, employees and elected officials; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby recognize Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz for her commendable contribution to the Canton Community, and wishes her a happy and healthy retirement. **R-3 Recognition of Canton Public Safety Promotions as follows: Fire Captions: Brian Switzer and Rob DeVries Fire Battalion Chiefs: Steven Borgelt and Nicholas Lombardi Deputy Director – Fire: Christopher Stoecklein Deputy Director – Police: Chadwick Baugh** Clerk Bennett performed the Oath of Office for these promotions. Supervisor LaJoy presented the recipients with their new badges of rank. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to enter the promotions into the public record. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, asked about the completion of the Forest Brook Subdivision road project. Supervisor LaJoy stated he has spoken with the president of the Forest Brook Home Owners Association and they are pleased with the progress of the project. Mr. Miller presented the board a copy of the petition he gave them at the board meeting of 10-11-16. Robert McCausland – Max Auto Service on Lotz Road, thanked Supervisor LaJoy and Clerk Bennett for their years of service to the community of Canton. Daniel McCausland – Max Auto Service on Lotz Road, thanked Supervisor LaJoy and Clerk Bennett for their years of service to the community of Canton and for the paving of Lotz Road. Tommy Newcomb – Lotz Road – asked if the property along Lotz Road will be rezoned from single family residence to apartment. LaJoy stated this will be addressed in agenda item G-2. **Payment of Bills** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Approval of an Agreement with Wayne County to Provide Winter Maintenance on 7.00 Miles (14.00 Lane Miles) of County Roads. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 7.00 miles (14.00 lane miles) of County local roads and authorize the payment of $15,102.50 from Account #101-447-03.801_0050 (Engineering ROW Maintenance - Professional & Contractual Services) and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement resolution on behalf of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. The following resolution was adopted: **CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER MAINTENANCE ON 7.00 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 14.00 lane miles of local roads and authorize the payment of $14,725 from account #101-447-03.801_0050 (Engineering ROW Maintenance, Professional & Contractual Services). The following roads would be added to Wayne County's priority road maintenance list and given the same service as the primary roads. Cherry Hill (West County Line to Ridge) 0.39 miles Joy Road (West of Beck) 0.50 miles Lotz Road (Michigan to Palmer) 1.25 miles Lotz Road (Cherry Hill to Ford) 1.10 miles Lotz Road (Palmer to Cherry Hill) 1.00 miles Saltz Road (Canton Center to Ridge) 2.26 miles Warren Road (Ridge to ½ mile west of Ridge) 0.50 miles TOTAL 7.00 miles I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Motion adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 25th Day of October, 2016 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Dated: _ Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Charter Township of Canton **Item C-2. Consider Second Reading of an Amendment to Chapter 82, Condominiums of the Code of Ordinances Relative to Street Trees and Buffer Landscaping. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to remove from the table, adopt and publish the second reading of the amendment to Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as provided in the attached ordinance, with an effective date of November 10, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 82 - CONDOMINIUMS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN REGARDING BUFFER LANDSCAPING AND STREET TREE REQUIREMENTS. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: PART I. CHAPTER 82 — CONDOMINIUMS * * * ARTICLE III. DESIGN STANDARDS Sec. 82-130. Street Trees.** (6) Trees must be replaced by the contractor if the trees are not in a healthy condition after one full growing season. After the initial warranty period, the condominium unit owner is responsible for maintaining the tree(s), including pruning and replacement as necessary. **Sec. 82-131. Buffer Landscaping.** Berms shall be planted as follows: A minimum of one shade tree and two evergreen trees shall be planted for each 40 lineal feet, or portion thereof, of road frontage. In addition, a minimum of one ornamental tree shall be planted for each 80 lineal feet, or portion thereof, of road frontage; plus a minimum of one shrub shall be planted for each ten feet, or portion thereof, of road frontage. For the purpose of computing length of road frontage, openings for driveways and sidewalks shall not be counted. The landscape plan prepared in accordance with the informational requirements of this chapter shall show the trees and shrubs planted at uniform intervals, at random, or in groups. **PART II. Severability.** Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated. **PART III. Savings Clause.** The amendment of the Canton Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment, pending or incurred prior to the amendment of the Canton Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance. **PART IV. Repealer.** All other Ordinances or part of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **PART V. Publication.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause the ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **Part VI. Effective Date.** A public hearing having been held hereon pursuant to the provisions of Section 103 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days of its adoption of publications of a notice in a newspaper circulated in Canton Township stating the date of enactment and effective date, a brief statement as to its regulatory effect and that a complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public purchase, use and inspection at the office of the Township Clerk during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Local Time. The provision of this Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 25th day of October, 2016 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Terry Bennett, Clerk Introduced: October 11, 2016 Adopted: October 25, 2016 Published: November 3, 2016 Effective: November 10, 2016 A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the Charter Township of Canton. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item C-3. Consider Second Reading of an Amendment to Chapter 110, Subdivisions of the Code of Ordinances Relative to Street Trees and Buffer Landscaping. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to remove from the table, adopt, and publish the second reading of the proposed amendment to Chapter110 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as provided in the attached ordinance, with an effective date of November 10, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 – SUBDIVISIONS AND OTHER DIVISIONS OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN REGARDING BUFFER LANDSCAPING AND STREET TREE REQUIREMENTS. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: PART I. CHAPTER 110 – SUBDIVISIONS AND OTHER DIVISIONS OF LAND * * * ARTICLE III. DESIGN STANDARDS Sec. 110-148. Street Trees.** (6) Trees must be replaced by the contractor if the tree(s) are not in a healthy condition after one full growing season. 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Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider sale of Canton property and authorize Supervisor LaJoy to sign all documents necessary to close on the sale. (Supv.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to that accept the Letter of Intent from Connor & Delaney, LLC and authorize Supervisor LaJoy to sign the formal Purchase Agreement and any other documents necessary to complete the sale of the 9.54 acres of land. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Consider First Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances Regarding the BW East LLC Conditional Rezoning. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed conditional zoning amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried by all members Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to table consideration of the proposed conditional zoning amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton and hold a second reading on November 22, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. A copy of the complete text of this Proposed Ordinance Amendment is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of the Fourth Amendment to the Consent Judgment in the Matter of the Charter Development Company, LLC vs Canton Township to Allow for Modifications to the Multiple Family Development Plan. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Consent Judgment in the matter of the Charter Development Company, LLC vs Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-4. Consider Award of a Contract to OHM Advisors to Assist in the Development of the 2017 - 2022 Capital Improvement Program and Approval of a Budget Amendment. (FBD and MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award a contract to OHM Advisors for development of a Capital Improvement Program including the engineering project management of the Township's SAW grant in an amount not-to-exceed $1,046,250, and, further approve the a budget amendments as follows required to allocate the costs to the various departments.

Increase Revenue:	592-000.695	Fund Balance Appropriation	84,595.00
	592-000.539	State Grant Revenue	780,000.00
	661-000.695	Fund Balance Appropriation	9,331.00
	246-000.695	Fund Balance Appropriation	132,007.00
Decrease Expenditures:	584-756-50.990	Transfer to fund balance	19,011.00
	206-336-50.990	Transfer to fund balance	12,228.00
	207-301-50.990	Transfer to fund balance	9,078.00
Increase Expenditures:	592-536.801_0050	Professional Services	55,438.00
	592-537.801_0050	Professional Services	787,857.00
	592-445.801_0050	Professional Services	21,300.00
	661-550.801_0050	Professional Services	9,331.00
	246-200.801_0050	Professional Services	132,007.00
	584-697-78.801_0050	Professional Services	10,992.00
	584-756-56.801_0050	Professional Services	8,019.00
	206-336-50.801_0050	Professional Services	12,228.00
	207-301-50.801_0050	Professional Services	9,078.00

Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-5. Consider Authorization of the Purchase of Cardiovascular Fitness Equipment and Approval of Budget Amendment. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to authorize the following budget amendment: Increase revenue 208-757-50.695, Fund Balance Appropriation: $6,146 and Increase expenditures 208-757-50.970_0030, Capital Outlay Machinery and Equipment: $6,146. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to authorize the purchase of five pieces of fitness equipment from Direct Fitness Solutions, 600 Tower Road, Mundelein, IL 60060 in the amount of $22,135. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Consider Waiving the Purchasing Policy and Approve the Emergency Purchase of a Ford Explorer and Approve the Budget Amendments for the Public Safety Department. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve a budget amendments for the replacement of the Ford Explorer as follows: Increase Expenditures: 207-301-50.970_0040 (Capital Outlay Vehicles) $13,500 206-336-50.970_0040 (Capital Outlay Vehicles) $13,500 Decrease Expenditures: 207-301-50.990 (Transfer to Fund Balance) $13,500 206-336-50.990 (Transfer to Fund Balance) $13,500 Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Explorer from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Rd, Perry, MI 48872 via a Macomb County Bid #12-07 MY2017 in the amount of $26,951. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Clerk Bennett addressed the board – reading the following statement: I wanted to take this opportunity to "Thank" the people of Canton, the very hardworking, dedicated staff in the Clerk's Office, and all the employees of Canton Township for allowing me to serve with you for over 21 years. This too, is my last Board Meeting as a member of the Board of Trustees. It has been a blessing to be able to work as the Clerk of Canton Township. There are so many people who have crossed my path, enriched my life, challenged my thoughts, and taught me much as I interacted with them. I want to send a special "Thank You" also to the thousands of persons who served this community as Election Inspectors. There are a very special group of paid volunteers, from all Political parties, who are committed to fair, open, and honest election processes. You have my respect. Thank you for the years many of you have worked. It is not easy to be on that front line. I have worked hard to leave the profession better than when I joined it and I make a commitment to continue to be dedicated to the Canton Community. I ask for your support for the New Canton Township Clerk, elect. They have much to learn. They don't know what they don't know. Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you. Supervisor LaJoy addressed the board – reading the following statement: I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you, the Board, and residents for your support during my eight years as Canton Supervisor. They have been among the most rewarding and challenging of my career. I can honestly say that I love Canton and being able to serve our community as a Trustee, State Representative and finally as Supervisor has been one of the great joys of my life. Canton is my home, and even though I won't be serving in an official capacity come next month, I will always be here for the people of our community. Again, thank you very much for this tremendous opportunity. Treasurer McLaughlin stated she has worked side by side with Phil since 1992. Terry and Melissa have worked with each other since 1984 working on the historical sites within the township, cooking a lot of meals, baking a lot of cookies, and putting "sweat equity" into the community for years. "You two are the epitome of public servants. Canton has benefited from your professional demeanor, your heartfelt passion, and your dedication to the community. You are an important part of the "unity" of community. Thanks to you two your leadership has made Canton a benchmark community and a model for all other local governments. Whoever fills your shoes will not only have a great role model, but will also benefit from the foundation and the legacy you have left Canton in such great shape! I thank you both. I have enjoyed serving with you. We did OK!" Trustee Anthony stated, "Phil and I go way back. Phil and I grew up in the same community – Nottingham Forest. Phil has a set of twins and I am a twin. Phil served in the United States Marine Corps and I also served in the United States Marine Corps. We have a lot in common and 8 years ago I received a call from Phil to have coffee at Tim Horton's. He asked me to run for Trustee. I wish you and your family the best. Long life, happiness, and may you shoot one stroke less than I do." Trustee Williams – "Thank you guys – you are on speed dial" Trustee Sneideman stated, "I would also like to say, as someone who was coming off a term on a board that was always constantly in turmoil, I'd always look over here and wonder how you did it so calmly. I was so pleased when I was able to join this board. I was able to learn a lot over the past 4 years and I appreciate that. Phil you have always included me so well and made sure I had all my questions answered. I want to wish you and Terry a great retirement." Supervisor LaJoy stated he has received a letter stating, "We are pleased to notify you that your Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 qualifies for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by government and its management." He congratulated Wendy Trumbull, Finance Director and her staff for a job well done. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Williams to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____ **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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CANTON - WAYNE

Set for take off

Beaumont opens new bariatric center

"You need to lose 100 pounds before you can think about having another baby."

Those were the grim words Lindsay Pack, 36, of Canton Township received from her obstetrician-gynecologist earlier this year.

The mother of two boys, 2 and 6-months-old, had been contemplating weight loss surgery for some time, inspired in part by her mother's 75-pound weight loss success with the procedure.

But this recommendation - along with the benefit of already having met her health insurance deductible earlier this year as a result of childbirth - motivated Pack to set the date sooner rather than later.

If all goes according to plan, Pack will have weight loss surgery in November, and recover in the new bariatric, post-surgical suites at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne. Follow-up appointments with her medical team will be scheduled at the new Weight Control Center in Canton.

"We'd like to have another baby," Pack said. "But right now, I can't keep up with my two boys."

As part of the surgery, Pack will have follow-up access to physicians, dietitians, exercise physiologists, psychologists and support group meetings at the weight control center. The center staff also works with patients to arrange health insurance coverage.

"I think the exercise piece is key to maintenance," said Pack, adding that while she's been thin most of her life, she gained 70 pounds while pregnant with her first son, and more with the second. "I love the support group opportunity at the center. You get to meet people going through the same thing as you."

Easy access to the new facility is another key factor for Pack.

"I've been driving out to the Royal Oak center for my pre-surgery appointments and that's 45 minutes each way," Pack said. "We need something on our side of town. The new center is 4-miles from my house."

Location of the center is also a point of pride for Medical Director Tariq Kakish, M.D., a board-certified bariatric physician.

"We're very excited to be in Canton, which is currently underserved," Kakish said. "I don't think there's another program out here like this."

A multidisciplinary approach, Kakish stressed, is the most effective route to permanent, healthy weight loss. "Working alongside our bariatric physicians, we have a whole team of health care providers who through education, nutrition and exercise, can help patients change their relationship with food," Kakish said.

Wendy Miller, M.D., corporate medical director for Beaumont Health Weight Control Centers, said patients are more likely to be successful long-term if the program is located near their home.

Pack, 36, of Canton Township, a patient at the new Weight Control Center in Canton, with husband, Michael, and son, Xavier.

"Individuals who aren't specifically enrolled with our program, are welcome to come to our healthy cooking demonstrations or work directly with our psychologists on emotional or psychosocial issues that may be contributing to weight gain," Miller said.

Featured equipment at the center includes a DEXA-Scan, which provides the most accurate measurement of percent body fat and can help determine an individualized, realistic goal weight.

The average weight loss for bariatric surgery patients is about 100 pounds, Miller said. Many patients resolve weight-related medical conditions after surgery, such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, low back and joint pain. Quality of life also often improves considerably.

"We provide all the support patients need, pre-operatively and post-operatively, to be successful in their weight loss journey," Kakish said.

Beaumont Weight Control Centers also offer a non-surgical weight loss program and weight loss programs for children and teens.

For more information about Beaumont Weight Control Centers or to sign up for a free, weight loss seminar, visit http://www.beaumont.edu/centers-services/weight-control-center/ or call 888-899-4600.

Words to the wise

Members of the Westland Grange visited Hamilton Elementary School recently, bringing a new dictionary for each student. The Grange club is donating dictionaries to third-grade students throughout the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Firefighters promoted

Two Canton Fire Department officers have completed the Fire Staff and Command School at Eastern Michigan University.

Fire Marshal John Oltman and Capt. William Wisler graduated from the 360-hour program designed to take fire officers beyond operational methods and expose them to strategic thinking and creative, innovative problem-solving techniques. The curriculum consists of five major topic areas intended to address the changing needs expected in current fire service, including leadership, planning and decision making, human

resource management, administration and critical situations, according to a prepared statement from the department.

John Oltman

Oltman has been with the department for 15 years, originally serving as a fire inspector. In his current role as marshal, he oversees the Fire Prevention and Inspection Unit which is responsible for plan reviews, site inspections, fire investigations and fire prevention.

Wisler has been with the department for 16 years, originally hired as a firefighter/paramedic. In his current role as captain, he serves as a station supervisor, providing leadership and development of firefighter/paramedics.

William Wisler

Police veteran retires

Canton Police Department Deputy Chief Scott Hilden has retired after a 24-year career with the agency.

Hilden was hired by the police department in 1992 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2001, lieutenant in 2006 and deputy chief in 2013. Hilden holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of the Eastern Michigan University Police Staff and Command School.

Early in his law enforcement career, Hilden participated in numerous special units including department instructor and school resource officer. Later he worked as a shift commander in the patrol division, and completed special assignments as the department community relations coordinator and special services lieutenant.

In his current role as deputy chief, Hilden led the patrol division consisting of four platoons of lieutenants, sergeants, police officers and PSSOs. His role encompassed overseeing the execution and administration of the division, along with assisting the director with the development of polices and budget.

Scott Hilden

"The public safety department is losing a valuable member of the organization," said Public Safety Director Joshua Meier. "Scott has had a commendable career with the department and is wished the best in his future endeavors."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2016 for the following:

P.R.G.C. IRRIGATION PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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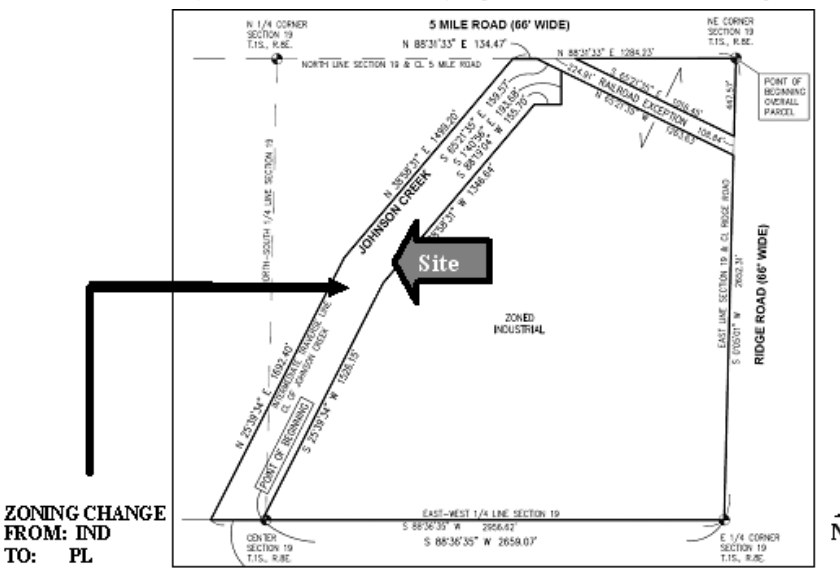
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 99.024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 99 is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map in accordance with the changes indicated on Amended Zoning Map No. 019, attached hereto and made part of this Ordinance.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N 1/4 CORNER SECTION 19 T.1S., R.8E.
NE CORNER SECTION 19 T.1S., R.8E.
POINT OF BEGINNING OVERALL PARCEL
RAILROAD EXCEPTION
JOHNSON CREEK
Site
ZONED INDUSTRIAL
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E 1/4 CORNER SECTION 19 T.1S., R.8E.
ZONING CHANGE
FROM: IND
TO: PL
NORTH

ORDINANCE NO. 99.024
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 019
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel/lot descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-001-99-0001-704.

Part II. CONFLICTING REVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of the Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on November 25, 2016.

Part IV. ADOPTION. This Ordinance was adopted by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees by authority of Act 110 of Public Acts of Michigan, 2006, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on October 25, 2016, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be inspected at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: October 25, 2016
Effective Date: November 25, 2016
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Plymouth

School aid facing criminal sex charge

A 41-year-old Plymouth woman is facing criminal sexual conduct charges stemming from her relationship with a 15-year-old boy.

Bridget Caplin, a former teaching aide at East Middle School, was arraigned on the charges Oct. 14 and remanded to the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a $250,000 bond, according to website information. She is charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person age 13-15, distributing obscene material to children and using a computer to commit a crime.

According to police and investigative reports from the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor, the father of the boy discovered lewd photographs on his son's phone and took the evidence to Plymouth police in May.

The incident had been under investigation for five months before Caplin was officially charged with the crimes. Police obtained warrants for content and data from some social media sites during the investigation. She was arrested in Monroe and her arraignment took place in an out-county court.

Caplin is also alleged to have had an inappropriate relationship with another 15-year-old, according to reports, sending him nude pictures of herself.

The teen's father said that Caplin is the mother of two daughters who are friends of his son's. He said that because of that contact, she would pick the boy up and drive him places. He now alleges that Caplin had sexual relations with the boy in a church parking lot and said that if this were a case of an adult male with a teen girl, there would be far more attention and outrage.

According to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Caplin was placed on administrative leave in May when the investigation began and has subsequently been fired from her job at the school.

The statement says that Caplin has not returned to any district buildings since she was initially placed on leave.

Caplin is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court tomorrow for a preliminary hearing on the charges.

Bridget Caplin

Threat

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plaints involving elected officials. Those situations, he said, would be referred to the Michigan State Police to guard against any appearance of preferential treatment should further investigation be warranted.

Tiderington did say that he was doubtful that Edwards would have made any serious threat and that to the best of his knowledge, the 20-year treasurer does not own a gun.

Other elected township officials who asked not to be identified said that the threat was disturbing even if the comments were made in jest and were not serious.

One of them cited the volatile nature of Edwards who was involved in a physical altercation with the former township clerk just prior to a regular meeting of the board several years ago. Allegedly, Edwards accosted then-Clerk Joe Bridgman and attacked him, placing him in a headlock in full-view of the other members of the board and the assembled audience.

Edwards was soundly defeated in the primary election Aug. 2 and has been recently criticized by the outside township auditing firm, Plante-Moran, for a long-delay in providing records needed to file the state-mandated audit.

The township is in jeopardy of losing state grants without the audit filings, auditors said. Edwards was also criticized by auditors from the U.S. Department of Justice during a recent audit of drug forfeiture funding for his appropriation of control of those accounts and spending which are the responsibility of Tiderington.

Calls to the office and cell phones of Price were not returned at press time.

(Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

A gift of art

Village Potters Guild members will host their annual Holiday Sale this month. Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild including wheel-thrown and hand-built items such as mugs, tiles, plates, bowls, vases, jewelry, holiday ornaments, and large platters in a wide range of affordable prices, will be available. The opening reception will take place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. The sale continues from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18 and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. The studio is located at 326 N. Main St. in Plymouth behind the American Community Building. For more information or directions to the studio, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

Library seeks veterans' photos

The Plymouth District Library is collecting photos of veterans and active military personnel for the second annual November "Honoring Our Veterans" display.

Photos can be submitted by emailing them to info@plymouthlibrary.org . The library staff can also scan original photos upon request. No personal information will be displayed with the photographs.

The library display will also feature a "white table" in November. Traditionally, the table is set with a white tablecloth, a black napkin and white candle, and a plate with a slice of lemon and salt. An empty chair leans against the table. The display is modeled after the table in the children's book America's White Table, written by Margot Theis Raven and illustrated by Mike Benny. It is available for check-out at the library.

The tradition, little-known to the general public, of setting an empty table with a white tablecloth in remembrance of prisoners of war and those missing in action, had its beginnings with a group of fighter pilots who flew in Vietnam. For more information about the library veterans' display, call (734) 453-0750, extension 4.

The library is located at 223 South Main St. in Plymouth.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Cemetery donors thanked

The list of people supporting the Romulus Memorial Cemetery restoration keeps getting longer.

The euchre tournament supporting the ongoing effort was a sold-out event, attracting the largest crowd ever at the event. The tournament generated more than $2,100, an increase over last year.

> *It takes one person with an idea, but it takes many more to fulfill it.*

Jan Lemmon, chair of the Romulus Memorial Cemetery Board of Trustees, thanked everyone who attended or helped out during the event, as well as the many people who have donated to the effort over the last seven years.

They include: Carmelita Johnson, Agnes Meyer, Tammy McCrane, Merlin Lemmon, former Mayor Alan Lambert, Doris Orstrom, City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg, Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff, City Councilman William Wadsworth, Joyce Renfro, Sheldon and Gloria Chandler, Ken and Linda Choate, Genevieve Dugan, Herbert and Marlene Smelser and Nancy Champaigne.

The cemetery board, which includes McCrane, Craig Plank, Sheldon Chandler, Choate and Gerald B. Wendland, as well as Tim Keyes, economic development director for the City of Romulus, were instrumental, too.

"It takes one person with an idea, but it takes many more to fulfill it," Lemmon said. "You can't accomplish anything if you don't have the people to support you."

The city hosted a ribbon-cutting at the restored cemetery gate earlier this month and is planning the next phase in the project. Contributions are being accepted and checks can be made payable to the City of Romulus Cemetery Restoration Fund and mailed to 11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Responsive neighbors

Representatives from the Marathon Petroleum Corp. include John Steffler, left, Kristopher Fields, Marc Hester and Sam Awad, the Marathon Petroleum terminal manager presented a $3,200 donation to the Romulus Police Department earlier this month. The donation was part of the Marathon First Responder Responsible Care Initiative and was accepted by Romulus Public Safety Director Jadie R. Settles and Romulus Police Sgt. Matt Krol. The money will be used to enhance traffic safety in the City of Romulus, and will be dedicated to the purchase of a portable electronic speed limit sign.

New assistant principal is named at high school

Brian Roberson has been named as the assistant principal at Belleville High School.

Roberson's appointment was confirmed by members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education members at a regular meeting early last month.

Roberson will replace Stacy Buhro who was promoted to principal at the high school when the board members named Addul Madyun as the new human resources director for the district.

There were reportedly 180 applicants for the assistant principal position, eight of whom were current district employees. After three rounds of interviews, Roberson was offered a one-year contract at a salary of $92,652.

Roberson worked for the Detroit Public Schools for 15 years where he was a member of the district curriculum and instruction committee and a lead educator, a building designee, an athletic coordinator and a behavior modification specialist. Prior to moving to Michigan, Roberson taught in Texas.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree in Elementary Education from South University in Baton Rouge, LA and a master of science in Educational Leadership from Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

He is a resident of Van Buren Township and the father of three children, two of whom graduated from Belleville High School and another who is a student at Owen Intermediate School.

Madyun said that he felt students would find Roberson "very approachable" in his recommendation to the board members.

Goodfellows accepting applications for holiday help

Applications for holiday help from the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows will be available at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department.

Forms for help from the Goodfellows Christmas Food and Toy Distribution Program will be available at the front desk. The forms will also be available online at the Van Buren Township website, www.vanburen-mi.org and are printable.

All applications must be submitted in person before 3 p.m. Dec. 2.

Residents of the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township are eligible for the program. Sumpter Township residents can apply for help through the Goodfellows organization in that community.

Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or state identification card will be required during in-person applications. A current utility bill will also be accepted as proof of residency if it contains the name and address of the applicant or family.

Applications must be submitted in person and no mailed or emailed applications will be accepted.

For more information contact Pam Fleming at (734) 699-8934 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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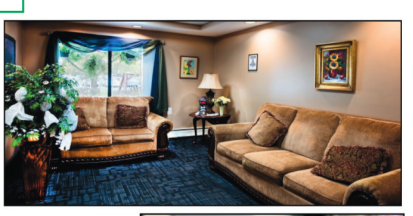

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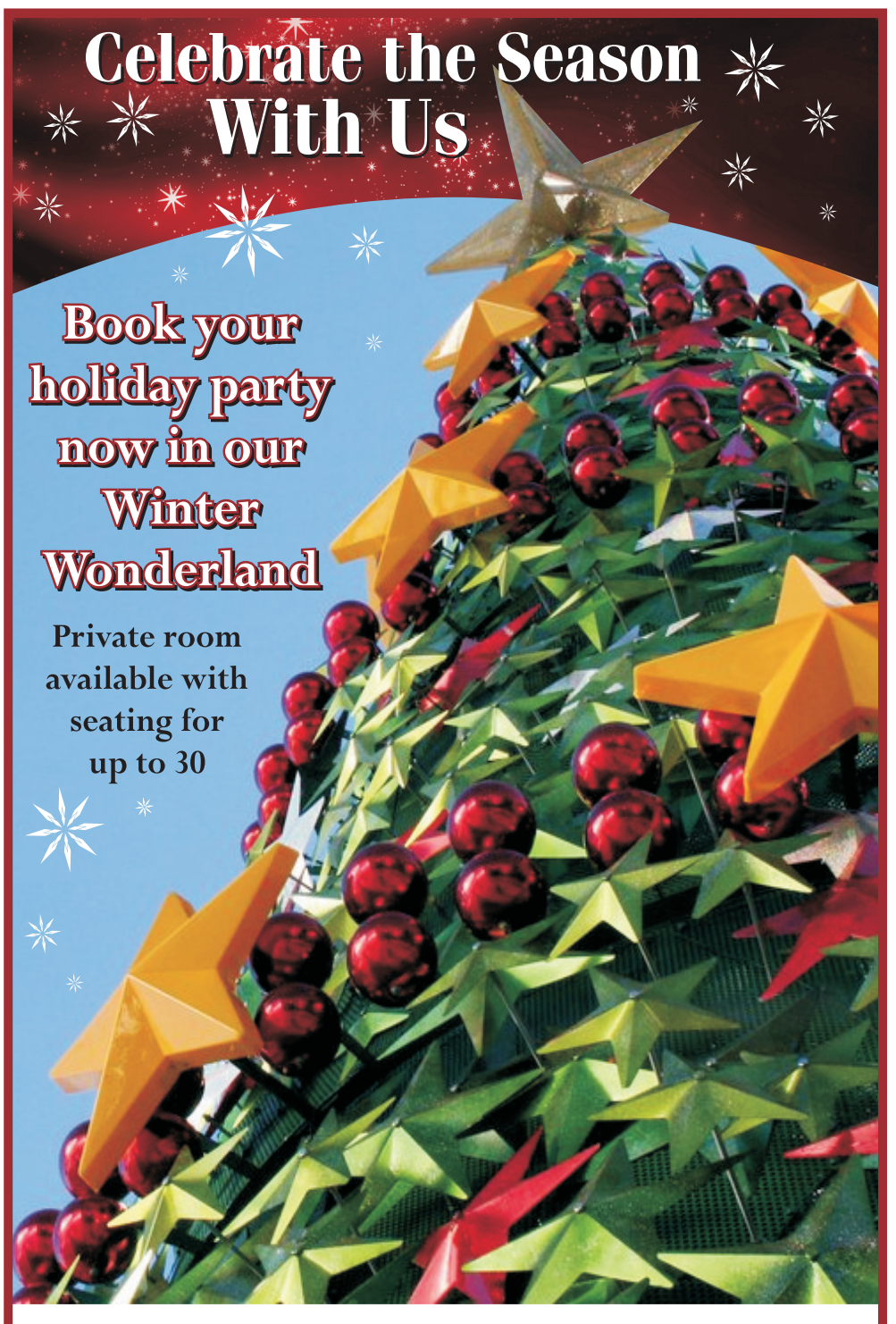

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Northville - Westland

'Tis the season

Tickets on sale for holiday home tour

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Northville Community Foundation Holiday Home Tour.

Five privately-owned homes in the Northville community will be professionally decorated for the holidays by designers putting a new spin on traditional decorations and offering new ideas for holiday décor. This year, the tour will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19.

Executive Director of the Northville Community Foundation Jessica Striegle said that the style of each home is different and there is something for every taste.

"This year's tour is an exceptional blend of traditional, cozy, a warm and inviting condo, and modern-Victorian. Each home is beautiful on its own but with our talented team of decorators the homes come to life with ideas on top of ideas for decorating your home for the holidays," Striegle said.

Tickets for the Holiday Home Tour are $25 in advance and $30 the day of the event. Tickets are on sale now at Haven in Northville, Gardenviews, Maybury Farm, or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased on Visa or MasterCard by calling (248)374-0200. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out each year, Striegle said.

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the work of the Northville Community Foundation in the community including holiday gifts for senior citizens confined to assisted living facilities, grants for nonprofits and community programs, scholarships for students, coordinating the Northville Independence Day Parade and the operation of Maybury Farm.

For more information, call the number listed above.

Westland City Council rejects arts center proposal

A plan to turn the former Hawthorne Valley property in Westland into an art center has been rejected by city officials.

The 15-acres of property are located on Merriman Road north of Warren.

Dan Wakefield had proposed the city sell the property to the Great Lakes Arts District for $1 and allow the group to seek grants and donations of the necessary $3 to $5 million necessary to renovate the site into a haven for arts and artists from throughout the area.

"We can't get funding without the property. If nothing happens in 12-18 months, the city could take the property back with the improvements (made for the art center)," said Wakefield, who claims 40 years experience in the art business. He insisted to the members of city council that no fund raising could be accomplished unless the group owned the property.

Members of the council and Mayor William Wild were less than enthusiastic about Wakefield's proposal, despite an assurance from backer Phil Martinez that he had committed $100,000 to the project and had two other investors convinced to do the same. Wakefield insisted that the arts group was not looking at the project as a profit center but as a charitable effort.

"We don't intend to make a dime," he said.

"The concept is very intriguing, but part of our job is to make sure that what we do is viable," said Wild. He indicated that the city would be looking at other proposals that had been received for the property. One of those was for a self-storage facility at the site and another for development as residential brownstones.

Wild said the $300,000 sale price is equal to the amount the city spent at the site for maintenance and repairing vandalism. He added that the city insurance carrier has suggested the building be demolished.

Open House set at high school

Northville High School will host an open house from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6.

Student leaders will act as tour guides during the Northville High School Community Open House and provide information about the award-winning, technology-equipped high school. Visitors can meet with academic department chairs and representatives from athletic teams, student clubs, and music and art programs, as well as current students, administrators and parents, according to a prepared release.

Northville Public Schools students consistently score near the top on Michigan Department of Education assessments, ACT and SAT performance, and Advanced Placement assessments. The Class of 2016 alone included 32 National Merit Scholar competitors. Northville High School, along with the two middle schools in the district, is fully authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School offering the Middle Years and Diploma Programs, with the first class of 19 IB Diploma Program candidates graduating in June 2016. The school district also has been named three times to the Annual AP District Honor Roll.

While the Open House is geared toward incoming freshmen for the 2017-18 academic year, families with students of all ages, as well as community members, are welcome to attend, according to a spokesperson.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, 48168. For more information, call (248) 344-3800 or visit http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/.

Veterans offered free movie

State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) will host his 2nd Annual Free Veterans Day Movie Event planned to begin at noon Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, in acknowledgment of the tremendous sacrifice and service of America's military veterans.

In cooperation with MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 and John Glenn High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC), the third movie in the Da Vinci Code series, Inferno" (PG-13) will be shown at the MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 located at 6800 North Wayne Road in Westland. Tickets are limited to two per veteran and are available on a first come, first served basis. Registration is required.

Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township, and Westland.

For additional information or to register for free tickets, contact Hopgood's office at (517) 373-7800 or by emailing SenHHopgood@senate.mi.gov.

CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-010

ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II CHAPTER 8 ARTICLE VII ENTITLED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SECTIONS 8-211 AND 8-212 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Article VII. Section 8-211 entitled Code adopted is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8-211. - Code adopted.

The International Property Maintenance Code and Appendix A, Boarding Standard, as amended, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this section, with additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, if any, prescribed in section 8-212. A copy of that International Property Maintenance Code shall be filed with the office of the city clerk.

Sec. 8-212. - References in code.

As used in the International Property Maintenance Code and Appendix A, Boarding Standard, as amended, the term or reference in that code to the "name of jurisdiction" shall mean or refer to the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan; the reference therein to the "date of adoption of this code" shall mean or refer to the date of adoption of this section; where reference therein to the word "state" shall mean or refer to the State of Michigan; the reference therein to the words "municipal charter" shall mean or refer to the Charter of the City of Romulus, and the reference therein to "local ordinances" shall mean or refer to the applicable provisions of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances and/or any state or international codes adopted thereby, as applicable. Additionally, the following sections of the International Property Maintenance Code are revised as follows:

Section 101.1. Insert: "the city."
Section 103.5. Insert: "A schedule of fees as may be adopted by the city council from time to time."
Section 112.4. Insert: (for minimum): "$200.00."
(for maximum): "500 and/or other penalties described in section 1-15."
Section 302.4. Insert: "eight inches."
Section 304.14. Insert: "April 1" and "November 15."
Section 602.3. Insert: "January 1" and "December 31."
Section 602.4. Insert: "January 1" and "December 31."

Additionally, a violation of the International Property Maintenance Code, as adopted pursuant to this chapter, as described in section 106.3, shall be deemed a misdemeanor, punishable consistent with the penalties described in section 1-15 and with section 106 and otherwise consistent with the provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 10th day of October, 2016.

LEROY BURCROFF, Mayor, ELLEN L. CRAIG- BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 10th day of October, 2016. ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in Associated Newspapers (Eagle), a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 3rd day of November, 2016.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2016

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe,
Excused: William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
16-407 2A. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 3, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-408 2B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 3, 2016; 7:15 p.m. study session, DUWA. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Jazmine Danci, Community Services Director, announced upcoming City events
16-409 5A. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County accepting $25,314.00 grant for improvements to the Romulus Athletic Center outdoor track. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-410 5B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the adoption of a resolution to designate Kathy Ritter as the City's alternate representative to the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-411 5B1. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the adoption of a resolution to designate Kathy Ritter as the City's alternate representative to the Alliance of Rouge Communities. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-412 5C. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for the Eureka Road Concrete Patching Project Phase II, between Vining Road and Wayne Road with an estimated cost share of $59,450.00 with a portion (50%) of our commitment required to be paid up front as a "working capital advance." **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-413 5D. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Abdo** to authorize to renew the annual Downriver Community Conference Membership dues for the City of Romulus in the amount of $4,750. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-414 5E. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Charles Pecsenye to the Police, Fire and Safety Commission with a term expiring July 22, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-415 5F. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street from Bibbins to Goddard Road beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2016 and ending at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2016 for the Community Services Department Family Fall Fun Festival activities. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
Clerk's Report:
Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that Tuesday, October 11, 2016 is the last day to register to vote for the November Election.
16-416 6A1. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Ordinance Amending International Property Maintenance Code, Appendix A, Board-Up Standards for Open and Unsecure Structures. This ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting of Monday, September 26, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-417 6A2. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments on an application from FCA US LLC, 16950 Pine, Romulus, MI for an IFTE Certificate (tax abatement). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-418 6A3. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-23, General Fund. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of October 3, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-419 6A4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-24, General Fund. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of October 3, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-420 6A5. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Crout** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 16/17-11, General Fund. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of October 3, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
16-421 6B1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, and approve an Agreement for I.T. Services between Oakland County and the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. Public Comment:
A resident commented that all the elected officials are doing a good job.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Communication
16-422 11. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 16-19 in the amount of $4,837,062.35.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 10, 2016.

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Calendar of events

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurch-mi.com.

Winter Wonderland planned

The annual Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Gala Auction will have a Winter Wonderland theme this year.

The event is planned for 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at Laurel Manor on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

More than 500 items were donated for the auctions last year and more than 500 people attended the event. Organizers plan to have the room decorated to reflect a winter evening in Michigan.

For more information, contact Wes Graf at wes@plymouthmich.org or Doug Wallace at Douglas@plymouthmich.org

Free balance workshops offered

A free award-winning workshop designed to manage falls and increase activity levels for seniors will be offered from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Nov. 7 through Dec. 5. There will be no class on Nov. 23.

The classes are beneficial for those concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength. The Matter of Balance workshop is also beneficial for individuals who have fallen in the past and those who restrict their activities because of falling concerns.

Participants must pre-register by calling the Wayne Senior Services office (734) 721-7460 and leaving a message. Class size is limited.

All sessions take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Student pottery day set

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a School Day Off Pottery Workshop from 10 a.m. until noon with lunch from noon until 12:45 on Tuesday, Nov. 8 when Plymouth Canton Community Schools District students will not have class.

The workshop will begin with pottery basics and then students can make their choice of two projects. The workshop is for ages 6-14.

The fee for the workshop only, which includes glaze, kiln time and instructions, is $32 per student or $30 for arts council members. The fee for the workshop and lunch is $38 per students or $36 for arts council members. Lunch includes two slices of pizza, salad and dessert.

Registrations are now being accepted at (734)416-4278.

The arts council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Volunteer help needed

Plymouth Community United Way looking for volunteers to clean yards and do light chores in Plymouth, and Plymouth and Canton townships on Saturday, Nov. 12. Volunteers will meet on the day of the event at Plymouth First United Methodist Church for a continental breakfast and instructions.

Check in time is 8 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools and gloves, and have their own transportation to travel between homes. Yard waste bags will be supplied and distributed at the church. Leaf blowers are a great help with larger yards, a spokesman said.

All ages are welcome, but those under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org by Friday, Nov. 4.

Low-income seniors, 65 and older, who feel they may qualify for service should also contact Randi at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7. Income and age verification will be required.

For more information and an application, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org.

Person of the Year sought

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Romulus Person of the Year.

Completed forms, available at the chamber website, must be returned to the chamber office by 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The office is located at 11189 Shook Road, St. 200, Romulus, Mi 48174.

Later nominations will not be considered.

A committee will review the nominations and make the selection of the winning candidate. This is the 32nd year for the award in the city.

More information is available at (734) 893-0694 or admin@romuluschamber.org.

Holiday tree lighting planned

The seventh annual Main Street Boulevard Tree Lighting and Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick Off in downtown Plymouth is planned for Friday, Nov. 11. During the event, the decorated trees on the boulevard are illuminated and the Plymouth Salvation Army partners begin the Red Kettle drive. Non-perishable food for the Salvation Army pantry is also collected and a small gift is presented to the first 100 people who attend the event.

Gift certificates are being sought for the event from local businesses. For more information, contact Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, (734) 455-1453.

Toast to veterans set

Romulus VFW Post 9568, located at 39270 W. Huron River Dr., is hosting veterans, their families and any members of the public to the post for a Veterans Day toast and ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 11.

Early arrival is suggested.

For more information, call (734) 941-3030.

Coffee to be served

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood has set his November Coffee Hour for 3 p.m. Nov. 11 at Romulus House, 9110 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

For additional information regarding the meeting, contact Hopgood's office by calling (517) 373-7800, by emailing SenHHopgood@senate.mi.gov or visiting his Facebook page at facebook.com/SenHopgood.

Tea is served

The Wayne Public Library is hosting an Afternoon Tea at 1 p.m. Nov. 12.

A wide sampling of teas, scones, desserts and tea sandwiches from Victoria's Tea Salon will be served.

Tickets, priced at $35, are on sale now at the Wayne Public Library. The cost is $35 per individual or celebrate as a group with a table of eight for $240. All proceeds go to benefit the Friends of the Wayne Public Library. Tickets can be purchased at the Circulation Desk.

The Wayne Library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Seniors celebrate Thanksgiving

Romulus seniors can sign up now for the Thanksgiving luncheon planned for 11 a.m. Nov. 14.

The dinner will include turkey, stuffing, Rose's rice, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and cranberry sauce. Dessert will include pies donated by the Romulus High School Culinary Arts Program students.

Entertainment will be provided by Tom Slatton playing live music. The cost is $5 per person and early sign-up is encouraged. The senior center is located at 36525 Bibbins in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 955-4120.

Award nominations needed

Nominations for some of the most prestigious awards in the community are now being accepted by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Leona Van Buhler, Chamber Member of the Year, Ted Kuckelman Community Service and Business of the Year awards will be accepted through Nov. 21.

Nominations can be emailed to info@bellevilleareachaber.org or mailed to 248 Main. St., Belleville, Mi, 481111.

Members of the committee will be evaluating the nominee's involvement in the community, the chamber, the schools, area nonprofits, continued capital investment in the business and an overall community presence.

For more information or nomination forms, contact the chamber offices at (734) 697-7151.

Thanksgiving buffet served

The Family Resource Center Annual Fundraiser event, a Thanksgiving buffet provided and hosted by Chef Tony and his culinary arts students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center is planned for 11:15 until 1 p.m. Nov. 16.

The meal is a fundraiser for the resource center which provides help to Wayne-Westland families in need.

The William D. Ford Career-Technical Center is located at 36455 Marquette Road in Westland. The cost for the lunch is $10 per person. All proceeds will be used to support the Family Resource Center of the Wayne Westland Community Schools District.

Thanksgiving concert planned

The combined adult choirs of several Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth at 4 p.m Nov. 29.

The choirs will celebrate Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring anthems sung by a 75-voice community choir accompanied by handbells, organ and piano, as well as an audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns.

Admission is free; an offering will be requested to benefit the Salvation Army.

First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road, east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance.

The concert is open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Coffee with a Cop served

Canton residents can join members of the police force from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Summit on the Park 55+ Club Roon.

Coffee with a Cop is open to the public and provide a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton neighborhoods and business districts.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or stressful situations, noted Deputy Chief Scott Hilden.

Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for relaxed one-on-one interaction, he added.

The Canton Police Department is hosting multiple sessions throughout the community this year.

Anyone with a business or organization interested in hosting a 2-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, should contact the police department at (734) 394-5401. 46000 Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Free holiday meal served

For the fifth year, the members of Living By Faith Church in Romulus will serve free Thanksgiving dinners.

The traditional dinner with turkey and stuffing along with side dishes will be served from noon until 3 p.m. Nov. 24 at the church, 7766 Waynecorse Road. The dinner is open to the public at no charge.

For more information about the event, call (734) 776-5431.

Christmas Party date set

The Inkster Commission on Aging will host the annual Christmas Party of seniors beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5 at the Dozier Recreation Complex.

Tickets, priced at $8 for members and $10 for non-members must be purchased in advance and are limited. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, call (313) 561-2382.

Mayor's Ball is planned

Planning for the Mayor's Ball, hosted by Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Connelly is now under way.

The non-political fundraiser for the Romulus and Belleville Boys and Girls Clubs, will take place this year Feb. 12, 2017 at the Belleville Yacht Club.

Sponsors and donors are being sought.

For more information or to donate or become a sponsor, call Event Coordinator Robert McLachlan at (734)578-5682.

Vote

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Congress challenged by Anil Kumar, a Democrat.

In this area, voters will be asked to choose between current Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, a Republican, and Democrat Nate Smith-Tyge, a Democrat, to represent them on the Wayne County Commission from District 10. Both candidates are Plymouth Township residents.

Canton Township voters will be asked to choose a replacement for retiring Supervisor Phil LaJoy. Democrat Syed Taj and Republican Pat Williams are seeking the four-year term. In addition, voters are being asked to select from a field of eight candidates for four seats on the board of trustees, a slate of Democrats challenging Republicans.

Van Buren Township voters are being asked to approve a 6.5 millage to fund public safety operations in the township. While this seems like a serious increase to many, this replaces an expiring millage already approved by voters and is actually only a 1.5 mill increase. The current police and fire millage expires in December.

The City of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships will have the long-discussed and studied tri-community public library funding on the ballot. Officials in the three communities are asking voters for permission to borrow up to $14 million to build the library and fund operations once it is open.

There are also school district elections throughout the area including seats on the Plymouth-Canton, Wayne-Westland, Romulus and Northville boards of education.

Additionally, voters will be asked to approve a new 2-mill Wayne County Educational Enhancement Millage, slated to provide about $385 annually to local students to fill a funding gap.

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS NOV. 8

The Responsible Government Committee, a non-partisan, independent group, has carefully analyzed and evaluated candidates who will have a direct impact on the lives and welfare of residents of Canton Township. After careful consideration and discussion, the committee has selected these candidates as the best qualified to serve the residents of Canton.

These leaders have chosen the welfare and needs of the citizens as the priority of their political decisions and platforms. The Responsible Government Committee urges their election Nov. 8.

Our selections are:

FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP OFFICES

Pat Williams

Candidate for Canton Township Supervisor

Proven track record as a leader in both private and public sectors

RATED AS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED

Linda Obrec

Candidate for Canton Township Clerk

Superior educational credentials and expert experience

RATED AS BEST QUALIFIED FOR CLERK

Melissa McLaughlin

Incumbent Candidate for Canton Township Treasurer

Exceptional record of efficient management and superior service

RATED AS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR TREASURER

FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John Anthony

Incumbent candidate for Canton Township Trustee

Exceptional record of involvement and board service

RATED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR TRUSTEE

Darian Moore

Candidate for Township Trustee

Strong record of community involvement and business operation

RATED BEST QUALIFIED FOR ELECTION AS TRUSTEE

Geoff Boltach

Candidate for Township Trustee

Strong educational credentials and business experience

RATED VERY WELL QUALIFIED FOR TRUSTEE

Tom Yack

Incumbent candidate for Township Trustee

Wealth of public service experience and successful management of township during 20 years as Canton Supervisor

RATED AS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR TRUSTEE

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE THIRD DISTRICT

Melissa Anne Cox

Candidate for Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court

- Named as Super Lawyers Rising Star 2012 through 2015
- Named one of Top Female Attorneys in state by Super Lawyers Magazine
- Wayne-Westland assistant city attorney

RATED AS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

FOR WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

Joe Barone

Candidate for Wayne County Commission

Exceptional service during appointment to commission
Instrumental in securing Wayne County funding for Canton roads

RATED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 11TH DISTRICT

Dave Trott

Incumbent candidate for U.S. Congress

Supported legislation to help small businesses in Michigan and to stop ransom payment to Iran
Dedicated to transparency in government and controlled spending
Proven record of responsible, reasonable representation of 11th district

RATED AS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas J. Hathaway

Candidate for Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court

- Proven character and judicial temperament
- Extensive litigation, ethics and arbitration experience
- Recognized as one of Best Lawyers in America and rated as Michigan Super Lawyer by Detroit News and New York Times

RATED AS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED

FOR SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jim Fausone

Incumbent candidate for College Board of Trustees

Experienced, proven record of sound judgment
Strong management skills with concern for students
Involved with multiple civic groups and charities

RATED AS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR RE-ELECTION TO SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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